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*Reduction in the freight charges for Puliki wood from Singareni collieries.*

* 279 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the recommendation made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 17 of his report on slate industry in Kurnool district that a reduction in the rate of freight for Puliki wood that is imported from the Singareni collieries should be made, what steps the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—The Director reports that he addressed those engaged in the industry to furnish certain particulars as a preliminary to addressing the railway administration and that those particulars have not yet been furnished to him. On receipt of the information, he proposes to address the railway administration.

*Prospects of the paper pulp industry in Kurnool district.*

* 280 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 19 of his report regarding Kurnool district, that "bamboos are produced in enormous quantities in the forests and the question of utilizing the pulp and other forest products for the purposes of cottage industries may be considered"—

(a) whether the Government have further examined or propose further examining the chances of the paper pulp industry in this district; and

(b) if they have examined, what the results are?

A.—(a) No further examination is at present contemplated.
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know why no further examination is at present contemplated?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Because there is no paper mill at present."

*Investigations into the bamboo work industry in Kurnool district.*

* 281 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 18 of his report regarding Kurnool district that the 'Medars' seem to be skilful enough to learn the manufacture of any other fancy articles (than the cots, cradles, and boxes they are used to make) if they are taught, whether the Government propose to investigate into the special industry of bamboo work and take such measures as will adequately educate the Medars?

A.—No special investigation is proposed at present.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know why no investigation is proposed at present?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice."